

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DERIVATIVES OF ASIMADOLINE WITH  
COVALENTLY BONDED ACIDS

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Examiner: S. Young

**AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 15, 2007, for which a response is due on February 15, 2008. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.